

Almathera 'A Plug-In' Collection Trial Editions for PC Review

Thank you for trying these two example plug-ins from the A-PlugIn collection. If you like these examples then you're sure to want to take advantage of the PC Review SPECIAL OFFER and purchase these plug-ins for £15 off the suggested retail price. See the bottom of this text file for information on how to order.

Instructions

A Drop Shadow Trial:

The A Drop Shadow plug-in applies a shadow to a selected area in your Photoshop image, to make a region appear to be 'floating' or 'recessed'.

The shadow is drawn INSIDE the selected area, so to add a shadow on the OUTSIDE of a selected object, simply use the 'Inverse' option from the Select menu to invert the selection before applying the effect.

Use the Drop-down selector at the top left to select which colour you want for your shadow, this can be either the current foreground, background, black or white.

The horizontal and vertical values determine where the shadow will appear. If both values are positive, the shadow will be to the south east (below and to the right), if both values are negative the shadow will be to the north west (above and to the left), and so on.

The transparency affects how intense the shadow will be, at 100% the shadow will disappear altogether.

The blur value determines how sharp the shadow is. Normally a drop shadow will look too harsh unless it is slightly blurred. With this plug-in you have control over the level of blur.

The preview window can be enabled or disabled with the tick box. If your selected area is larger than the preview you can scroll around the preview area by holding down the mouse button over the preview and moving the mouse.

A Warper Trial:

The A Warper plug-in lets you stretch and distort any selected area of your image. You can pull ears and noses to give people distorted faces, or stretch and twist objects into unusual shapes.

With this trial version of warper you can try out all the options within the plugin on the preview image, but the 'OK' button will only be active when the 'Warp Factor' and 'Twirl' settings are reset to zero. For a fully-enabled version take advantage of our special order discount and upgrade to the full retail 'A Plug-In' collection right now.

Using warper is simple. Let's say you've loaded a picture of a face into Photoshop. Select a rectangular area around the nose. Choose 'A Warper Trial Edition' from the 'Almathera' section in the 'Filters' menu. Move the mouse over the center of the preview image, hold down the left mouse button and move the mouse around to distort the image.

Once you have distorted the nose into the shape you want, click on 'OK' to apply the warp. You can experiment with the 'Warp Factor' and 'Twirl' settings to see what they add to the warp process, but you will not be able to apply a warp with different settings in this trial edition. Click the 'Reset All Settings' button to clear these back to zero so the OK button reappears.

The rest of the set

The A Plug-In collection contains both plug-ins above plus many more, including:

A Lightning Maker - Add digital lightning or electrical effects to your images.

- A Shape Cutter - Create flower, star or cog patterns onto your images.
- A Beveller - Create beveled text, 3d raised objects, etc. automatically.
- A Halo - Add a glowing halo around or inside your selected object.
- A Puddle - Create lakes, puddles, oceans complete with ripples, waves and reflections.

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